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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment


1. The reply filed on December 22, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In the Office action of December 6, 2004, Applicant was notified that a reply must “include an identification of the species that is elected . . . and a listing of all claims readable thereon” (emphasis added). In Applicant’s reply, Applicant elected Species I and stated that “Claims 1-15 and 17-20 are directed to Species I.” This would indicate that only claim 16 is *not* readable on Species I. However, Applicant later stated that “claim 16 is a generic method claim,” which would make it readable on Species I. Further, Applicant stated that claims 2-15 “include the limitations of Species II-V,” which would indicate that those claims are *not* readable on Species I, even though Applicant earlier stated that they were. Therefore, it is unclear which claims Applicant believes are either generic or readable only on Species I. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary C Hoge whose telephone number is (703) 308-3422. After April 5, 2005, the examiner’s telephone number will be (571) 272-6645. The examiner can normally be reached on 5-4-9.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (703) 308-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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